



Goodwill Supported Self-Employment Program for Hancock and Shelby Counties

*Have you been thinking
about self-employment?*

Who benefits from Supported Self-Employment?

People with disabilities

Individuals are able to overcome barriers and start a business that matches their interests and career goals.

Referring Agencies

Agencies benefit because supported self-employment has proven to be a viable employment option.

Communities

Services offered by individuals will meet a need in the community as well as foster economic growth.

What is it?

- A program that helps people with disabilities become self-employed
- An opportunity for people with disabilities to:
 - Overcome barriers to employment such as lack of work opportunities, transportation and fatigue
 - Utilize their creativity, skills and interests to start a career
 - Provide a product or service that gives back to the community

Who can participate?

People who want to participate must meet the following criteria:

- Have a disability
- Live in Hancock or Shelby counties
- Be older than age 18
- Have a business interest or idea

How does the program work?

- Individuals begin by participating in an information session
- Next, potential participants take part in a business discovery workshop. The workshop will help them refine their business idea and explore the feasibility of self-employment.
- Once goals have been determined, Goodwill will provide:
 - Business training
 - Help developing a business plan for the proposed venture
 - Assistance purchasing necessary tools and equipment, supplies and inventory, specialized training or other items necessary to get a business off the ground*

How do I find out more?

For more information, please call Roxane Fischer-Piepenbrok
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*This program does not provide a loan and is not a grant fund. Financial assistance can not be used to purchase land, buildings or motorized vehicles requiring a license, to pay employees or to provide cash.



Supported Self-Employment Examples and Ideas for Hancock and Shelby Counties

Below are a few examples of types of business, with which, people with disabilities may be successful.

Calligrapher
Scrapbooking specialist
Pet sitting/dog walking
A lawn care or landscaping business
Providing cleaning services
Appointment setter
Translator
Seamstress/tailor
Gift basket designer
Party planner
House sitting
Photograph enhancer
Research specialist
Transcriber
Providing child care or elder care
Courier service
Managing a vending machine business
Web designer
Résumé writer
Graphic designer
Picture framer
Odd job specialist

- **Web-based businesses:** Selling products on eBay or setting up an online store to sell handmade or purchased merchandise
- **Arts/Crafts:** Utilizing hobbies and making items such as quilts, handmade cards, furniture and clothing
- **General clerical work:** Working at home and helping businesses with data entry, typing and conducting online research
- **Staffing/HR:** Helping others find jobs and helping businesses find qualified employees
- **Cooking/Catering:** Turning a family recipe into a lucrative baking business, preparing food for an event and decorating cakes

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